

# **St. Anthony Sand Dunes Bureau of Land Management Rules and Regulations**

# **Open Campfire Rules**

- Open campfires are prohibited inside the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area.
- The burning of any foreign material other than wood in all campsites is prohibited throughout the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to: pallets, treated lumber, furniture, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.

#### **Public Health, Safety and Comfort Rules**

- Use of personal watercraft or any other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water inside the WSA.
- Quiet hours within the Egin Lakes Access Site and Red Road Recreation Area are from 11pm to 7am.
- Fighting is prohibited. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, as defined by Idaho Code Title 23-105.
- Offensive, derisive, or annoying communication that has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person to whom the remark is addressed, is prohibited.
- Metal fire pans are required in the temporary Egin Lakes Access Dry Camp Area.

## As a Reminder

- Idaho residents must display a valid registration sticker on their motorcycle, All Terrain Vehicle (ATV), Off Highway Vehicle (OHV), and Off Road Vehicle (ORV). (Idaho State Code 67-7122).
- Out of state ATV, OHV, ORV and motorcycle users must have a valid registration sticker for the state in which they reside, if the state requires such a registration. If your state requires a sticker and you do not have one, you may be cited in Idaho for failure to register your vehicle.
- The speed limit on the Egin Lakes Access road is 15 MPH, and 5 MPH within the camping, parking, and access areas.
- Portions of the Sand Mountain WSA are closed from January 1 through March 31 and/or January 1 through April 30 of each year.
- All ORVs shall be equipped with a 6-foot (minimum) whip mast and a 6x12 inch red or orange flag. Fremont County Ordinance No. 2003-05 requires the flag to be at least 8 feet above level ground.
- Possession of glass containers is prohibited within the WSA boundaries.
- No camping is allowed inside the WSA except in designated areas adjacent to the Eastern boundary
  of the WSA along Fremont County Red Road.
- All off-road vehicle use must occur on the open sand areas or on roads and trails displaying a "Designated Route" sign. No designated routes exist in the vicinity of the Egin Lakes Access. Riders should follow the dunes access route to the open sand and avoid all vegetated areas.



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#### **Egin Lakes Recreation Access**

Take the North Rexburg exit off US Highway 20. If northbound turn left, if southbound turn right onto 1900 E. (Parker-Salem Highway and the Red Road). Travel 6.3 miles north to the second flashing light. Turn left and travel .85 mile to the split in the road. Travel right over the railroad tracks and continue on 500 N. for 2.9 miles. At the Egin Lakes access sign turn right onto the gravel road.

#### **Facilities**

Facilities are presently limited to a gravel access road, a large day use vehicle/trailer parking area, an unloading ramp and restrooms. There are 68 first-come first-serve dry camp sites. Capacity is exceeded on most weekends. Because reservations are not accepted, it is recommended that you make arrangements at a private campground or motel. For information on camping and lodging alternatives, refer to the "Local Business and Tourism Information" section.

# **Area Description**

Egin Lakes access is located midway along a 15 mile stretch of sand dunes totaling 10,000 acres. To the east are small rolling hills suitable for beginning ATVers or youngsters. To the west are challenging hills - mountains of sand up to 425 feet high. Surrounding the dunes is another 10,000 acres of juniper and sagebrush. Together the two land types comprise the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

#### **WSAs -- What Are They?**

WSAs are tracts of land that meet criteria set forth by Congress for potential inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System. As such, these lands are managed to protect natural values until such time as Congress decides to designate them Wilderness or release them for further study.

#### How does this Affect ORV Recreation?

The BLM is required to maintain the natural values of the area. This is the focus of management and the basis for rules and regulations. However, there is room for a variety of responsible activities to occur. Thousands of off-road vehicle users, horseback riders, and others enjoy the freedom of the sand dunes each year.

#### **Rules and Regulations**

Stay on the open sand! As managers and stewards of a WSA, the BLM must maintain the natural landscape surrounding the dunes. Further, this area provides critical range for 1,500 deer, 2,500 elk and habitat for Sharptail and Sage Grouse. Recreation use leading to destruction of vegetation or other natural features could force closure of this area. Thus, there is one overriding regulation: STAY ON THE OPEN SANDS! You will see old routes and new routes; routes around the lake; and routes through the sagebrush. Please avoid these routes. Unless a route is specifically signed OPEN with a "Designated Route" sign, it is closed. Remember, the natural resources of an area provide the basis of your experience. Do your part to protect them and keep them clean. Your cooperation is appreciated.

No camping or campfires are permitted beyond the dry camp area, except in the designated area along Red Road. Tent camping is permitted, but only in the dry camp area and in the designated areas along the Red Road.

For other regulations pertaining to BLM lands refer to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 432, Part 8340 - Off-Road Vehicles.

### **Local Business & Tourist Information**

Eastern Idaho Visitor Center	208-523-1012
	866-365-6943
Rexburg Chamber of Commerce	208-356-5700
St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce	208-624-4870
Sand Hills Resort	208-624-4127
Desert Oasis	208-624-3275
Fremont County Sheriff	208-624-4482

#### **Additional Information**

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